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SEEK HELP—VALENTINE'S DAY PLEA FROM VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AS CITY AIMS FOR ZERO DV HOMICIDES IN 2004

WHO: Graciela, the daughter of a victim who was seriously injured will tell her tragic family story. She will be joined by San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn; San Diego Police Chief Bill Lansdowne; and George McClane, M.D. and Medical Director of the Sharp Grossmont Hospital Forensic Medical Unit at the San Diego Family Justice Center;

- Plea from a victim to seek help at the San Diego Family Justice Center: assistance in filing restraining orders, shelter referral, transportation, military advocacy, etc.
- City Attorney and Police Chief aim for zero homicides in 2004. In the first six weeks of 2004, there have been no domestic violence homicides in the city compared to last year.
- Medical Director of the Sharp Grossmont Forensic Medical Unit (FMU) urges victims with non-life threatening domestic violence injuries to seek proper medical attention that provides intervention and documentation of injuries. Since the opening of the FMU, 188 victims have sought treatment and 20% of those incidents are strangulation cases.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 11 at 11 a.m.

WHERE: San Diego Family Justice Center
707 Broadway, Suite 700
Downtown San Diego

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